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Memorial Day began as Decoration Day, honoring the Civil War dead by decorating their graves. Today Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which the president or vice president speaks and flags are placed on the graves of soldiers. During this ceremony a wreath is laid on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Rome will hold a special ceremony at Myrtle Hill Cemetery where the Tomb of the Known Soldier resides. On May 26th,

the Sunday before Memorial Day, there is a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of the final phase of restoration of the Known Soldiers Grave and Veterans Plaza.

Charles Graves of Rome was an eighteen-year old Private sent to France in World War I. He was killed in the Hindenburg line in 1918 and was buried in France. At the end of the war in 1922, as the last of the troopships were arriving in Brooklyn harbor, it was decided that a known soldier would

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Name Change Mandatory

Two weeks ago **The Christian Times** received an e-mail from **Christian Times** newspaper in California. They own rights to the name and "The" doesn't make enough difference to justify our using it.

How do they own it? They registered it with the National Trademark Association. Being new in the business world, we never knew enough to check for this. Nevertheless, our name must change, or we risk lawsuit.

"Branches" will be our new name, and we will change it immediately. Nothing else about our paper will change except the fact that we are growing each month and adding new features.

Branches will still cover local stories direct from the branches

of local churches. Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches." John 15:5 Branches newspaper reports on the fruitfulness of area churches, giving glory to God for it all.

Missionary branches, church branches, pastor branches, music branches, - catch the drift? We are staying connected to the "Main Vine", Jesus.

Our new name will soon be trademarked as well, so we will not run into this problem again.

If you have any questions or comments about this matter, feel free to call us at 706-766-6079.

Thank you for your continued readership and support with stories, events, and advertising. Branches is committed to serving the Christian community.

A Friend for Teen Moms

The Mother of our Lord, Mary, was right around the age of 15 or 16 years old when she gave birth to Jesus, a teenager, chosen to be the mother of God. Today teenagers who find themselves pregnant,



will not usually already have a man who is ready to be the father that Joseph was to our Lord. In fact, in our society it is hard for young women to live a good life or become successful if her children are born while she is very young. Even married teens need help and

guidance to overcome obstacles that hinder mothers who are teens.

One organization has stepped up to bat for these women.

Teen Moms, a division of Youth for Christ in Rome is a helping hand for pregnant and parenting teenagers.

The website teenpregnancy.org reports that the United States has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and births in the western industrialized

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